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Letter dated 17 April 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria on the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 984 (1995) on security assurances, dated 12 April 1995 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 68 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration on the adoption of Security Council resolution 984 (1995) on security assurances made on 12 April 1995 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria welcomes the adoption by the United Nations Security Council on 11 April 1995 of resolution 984 (1995) and the respective statements made by each of the nuclear-weapon States on the security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs notes with appreciation the willingness of the five permanent members of the Security Council in case of aggression with nuclear weapons or the threat of such aggression against a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to bring the matter to the attention of the Security Council and to provide or support immediate assistance, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to any non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty that is a victim or an object of threat of such aggression. This is a collective response to the aspirations of the States that have forsworn nuclear weapons under the Treaty to receive security assurances from the Security Council and its nuclear-weapon-State permanent members.

Resolution 984 (1995) is a new step in progress on this important issue and an appropriate point of departure for negotiating a future legally binding international instrument on the provision of security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States.